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ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

SUBJECT: (Optional)

PROJECT AEROOT - Renewal

FROM:

SR/2/Baltic/Estonia/ [] 9/2

NO.

DATE

7 May 1959

TO: (Officer designation, room number, and building)

DATE

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COMMENTS (Number each comment to show from whom to whom. Draw a line across column after each comment.)

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FI/OPS/Project Branch

Chief, SR 2058 J

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SOURCE METHOD EXEMPTION 3B2D
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6 to 8, 11, 12
This project has been
closely screened and
is recommended for
renewal to preserve
one agent as spatter/writer
for rotation purposes. Field
has expressed strong desire
to maintain this agent,
as attached correspondence
shows. (FI production was
marginal, as was
disclosed by attached
review) [] []

PROJECT ACTION
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REVIEWING STAFF COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: PROJECT AEROOT DATE 20 June 59

CI Staff:

1. For the record, re paragraph 3c, AEROOT-5's first contact with intelligence was not in 1943-44 but in 1941 when arrested by Soviets in Estonia and assigned mission against Germans, to whom he confessed and for whom he worked as double agent.
2. Second LCFLUTTER, on 2 November 1957, was non-derogatory.
3. Approval is recommended, with suggestion that AEROOT-5, while examining mail for REDSKIN leads, might be profitably employed simultaneously by looking for CI/CE leads, i.e. Soviet REDSKIN leads in reverse and other suspect items.

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7 May 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, SR Division

SUBJECT	: Project AEROOT - Renewal	Headquarters Case Officer
		Name <u>[]</u>
REFERENCES	: A. EGFV 8518, 25 March 1959	Room <u>2611 J Building</u>
	B. EGFA 25969, 14 April 1959	Extension <u>8545</u>
		Date <u>7 May 1959</u>

1. We are forwarding Project AEROOT for approval for the period 1 February 1959 to 1 February 1960. We recommend that the following changes be made in the field project outline:

- a. Paragraph 2 "Purposes" changed to read as follows:

Purpose.

The purpose of this project is to support the activities of AEROOT/5 who will spot and initially develop REDSKIN leads among the Estonian and Baltic German communities in Western Germany.

- b. Paragraph 5 "Objectives" to be changed as follows:

The primary objective of the project is to spot and develop individuals who can travel from West Germany to the Estonian SSR or from the Estonia SSR to West Germany. In those cases where the original assessment indicates that the individual is a worthwhile target for recruitment, the lead will be turned over to either the case officer or another Frankfurt Operations Base action agent for recruitment and training. A secondary objective of this project is obtaining positive and operational intelligence on the Estonian SSR.

- c. Paragraph 7 "Tasks" to be changed as follows:

1. AEROOT/5 will scan intercepted mail from the Estonian SSR to West Germany and from West Germany to the Estonian SSR for leads on target personnel.

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2. AEROOT/5 will maintain and develop contacts among the Estonian and Baltic German emigre circles in Germany to develop leads in this milieu.

3. AEROOT/5 will debrief travelers to and from the Estonian SSR, returnees from the Estonian SSR, etc., for operational and positive intelligence information on the Estonian SSR.

d. Paragraph 9b to be changed as follows:

b. AENEON/27 will be terminated at some time during the project year. The effective date of his termination will depend on local conditions. His salary has been continued for nine months (up to 1 October 1959) to permit a smooth termination.

e. Paragraph 10c. omit.

f. All other references to AENEON/27 to be omitted from the field project outline.

g. Paragraph 13 "Estimated Costs" to be changed as follows:

ESTIMATED COSTS

Salaries	Monthly	Yearly
AEROOT/5	170.00	2040.00
AENEON/27 (9 mos.)	72.00	648.00

2688.00

Operational Expenses

Agent Travel	[]
Entertainment of Prospective Agents	[]
Postage and Telephone	[]

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Purchase of
Information

[]

Termination bonus
for AERNEON/27

[]

TOTAL: $\frac{[]}{[]}$

2. Our reasons for objecting to the field project outline are contained in Reference A. Reference B sets out the field's answers to our objections. We note that the field's answers to our objections imply a shift away from the Estonian emigration in Germany and the inclusion of the Baltic Germans as target personnel. Furthermore, the field states that AERCOOT/5 will be used only for spotting initial developing of leads. He will not be used for recruiting, training and briefing of action agents. We feel, therefore, that most of the security objections to the use of AERCOOT/5 have been removed. On the basis of the field's answer to our objections, we feel that the project should be extended for another year at a reduced budget.

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Chief, SR/2

Senior Staff Coordination:*
completed 30 June 1959.

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For Chief, FI

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APPROVED:

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Chief, SR Division

*See attached Form 526 for CI comment.

Staff Coordination:

For C/FI/OPS

For C/CI Staff

For RQM/RE

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9 July 1959
Date

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3. The following agents have been transferred out of Project AEROOT.

- a. AENEON/16 has been transferred to Project ☐ ☐, effective 30 September 1958.
- b. AENEON/35 is an asset of the ☐ ☐ He receives no salary. If the ☐ ☐ desires to place him on a more active status, a separate project will be prepared to support his activities. He is not considered to be an agent of the AEROOT Project.
- c. AENEON/24 has been placed on an inactive status. He is not at present an agent of the AEROOT Project.
- d. AEROOT/8 has been placed on an inactive status. If he is activated again, he will be placed in a different project. He is not an agent of the AEROOT Project.

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FI OPERATIONAL AUTHORIZATION

TO : FINANCE DIVISION

0134-9000-5145

THROUGH: FI/OPS/PROJECTS BRANCH, FI/ADMIN/BF

SUBJECT: ANROOT3400-83-145MunichSR

APPROVAL OF PROJECT

ACCOUNT NO.

COUNTRY, AREA DIVISION

SECTION 1. TO BE COMPLETED BY PROJECTS BRANCH

THE ABOVE PROJECT HAS BEEN APPROVED FROM 1 Feb. 1959 TO 31 Jan. 1960 IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$ C J AS BROKEN DOWN BELOW.

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FI/OPS/PROJECTS BRANCH

21 July 59
DATE

SECTION 2. TO BE COMPLETED BY CASE OFFICER

BREAKDOWN OF REQUESTED TOTAL	FISCAL YEAR	FISCAL YEAR
	1959	1960
COMPENSATION	\$ 1,210	\$ 1,478
ALLOWANCES <u>Bonus</u>	[]	[]
TRAVEL	[]	[]
OPERATIONAL EXPENSES	[]	[]
OTHER:	[]	[]
TOTAL	\$ []	\$ []

ACCOUNTING DETAILS

TYPE OF PROJECT (Check one)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGULAR	<input type="checkbox"/> SUBSIDY	<input type="checkbox"/> PROPRIETARY
METHOD BY WHICH PAYMENTS ARE TO BE MADE <u>C J</u>			
FUNDS TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR BY: (Check one)	<input type="checkbox"/> REGULAR FINANCIAL ACCOUNTINGS (AFR 30-10)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> RECEIPTS ONLY (CFR 9.4)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (Explain):		

SECTION 3. TO BE COMPLETED BY DIVISION BUDGET OFFICER

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE 82 DIVISION BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1959 CONTAINS SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO MEET THE OBLIGATIONS OUTLINED ABOVE.

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DIVISION BUDGET OFFICER

12 May 59
DATE

SECTION 4. OTHER APPROVALS

FINANCE DIVISION MUST HAVE, IN ADDITION TO FI PROJECT APPROVAL, SPECIFIC WRITTEN APPROVAL ON CERTAIN TYPES OF EXPENDITURES BEFORE FUNDS CAN BE ADVANCED. INDICATE BELOW ANY APPROVALS IN THIS CATEGORY THAT HAVE BEEN SECURED:

<input type="checkbox"/> PURCHASE OF AUTOMOBILE	<input type="checkbox"/> APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN WHEN REQUIRED
<input type="checkbox"/> PURCHASE OF MAJOR ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (Explain):
<input type="checkbox"/> RENTALS IN EXCESS OF THAT PERMITTED BY REGULATION	

SECTION 5. ADDITIONAL CRYPTONYMS, PSEUDONYMS, ETC.

ANROOT/5. ANRON/27

SIGNATURE

C J SR/2

EXTENSION

8545

SIGNATURE OF DIVISION CHIEF OR DESIGNEE

DATE